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Quick Read

In General

Dance the night away

The 266th Finance Command hosts the USAREUR Finance Regimental Ball Aug. 26, at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg. Cost is \$30 per person. Dress is Army formal attire or appropriate civilian attire.

SHAPE/Chièvres

Laugh for free

MWR hosts the AFE National Comedy Show Aug. 23, 7:30 p.m., in the Bldg. 30 auditorium on Daumerie Caserne. The family comedy show is free, and open to all ages. Info: DSN 361-5589.

Brussels

Share your thoughts

The next Brussels Community Town Hall meeting is Aug. 30, 6 p.m., in the NSA Three Star Lounge. This is your opportunity to exchange information and provide your ideas and suggestions on improving this community. If you have a specific issue you would like addressed at the Town Hall meeting, please send an email to Community.Coordinator@usdelmc.army.mil

Geilenkirchen

Shop 'till you drop

The Foggy Fields Bazaar is Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at Hangar 4 at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base. The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and their guests. Vendors from around the world sell Polish pottery, Turkish carpets, clocks, antiques, jewelry, and much more. The bazaar is hosted by the American Women of Geilenkirchen and all profits support programs in the military community.

Red Cross departs SHAPE



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

Leslie Pedro, field office assistant for the American Red Cross office on SHAPE, packs boxes prior to the office's scheduled closing on Aug. 15.

By J.D. Hardesty

The American Red Cross combined its Benelux community needs with services delivered by offices at Spangdahlem, Germany, Aug. 15 as the Red Cross office on SHAPE closed its doors.

With the downsizing and reorganization of the United States armed forces in Europe, the American Red Cross is also restructuring its Armed Forces Emergency Services department and streamlining offices in Europe to continue to meet the military's needs, but within the confines of its limited resources.

"American Red Cross services should be seamless to the Benelux American community," said Brigit Blixt, the station manager for the Red Cross's Armed Forces Emergency Services here. "The impact of closing the SHAPE office will be minimal."

"Our classes will still be offered and emergency communication services will still be provided, they will just be handled by our office in Spangdahlem," Blixt said. "Those who need to rent equipment will still be able to rent equipment, class materials will still be available on-line and volunteers will still be

able to volunteer."

Blixt explained that health and safety classes will be offered quarterly instead of monthly, "with authorized providers getting support from Spangdahlem."

According to Blixt, the task of coordinating Red Cross volunteers will transfer to Grace Cesonis, volunteer coordinator for Army Community Services. "People will still be able to volunteer for Red Cross services to support the SHAPE Health Care Facility."

"Cesonis will oversee both the ACS and Red Cross volunteer programs," said Ned Cronin, director of SHAPE ACS.

According to Col. Steve Poet, SHAPE Headquarters Support Group commander, the office closing will have no effect on the international community's needs.

"Emergency communication services are why we were here," Blixt said. "We have the least number of messages coming through than any other office in the European theater."

"The Red Cross is similar to the military," Blixt said. "When you have limited dollars and limited resources the organization has to transform to meet its mission. It happened here as well as all of the other American Red Cross offices."

"I think when people look at it in the long run, it will be pretty seamless," she said, of receiving future Red Cross support from Spangdahlem. "The American community at SHAPE is lucky because they are a self-reliant community which can be seen by all of the services provided here, and that's a good thing."

Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services personnel work in 987 chapters in the United States, on 74 military installations around the world and with our troops in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq. Last year, an estimated 1.2 million emergency communications were processed for the military.

Originally organized as the American Association of the Red Cross by Clara Barton in 1881, the U.S. Congress granted a charter to the American Red Cross in 1905 that required it to act "in accord with the military authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and their Armed Forces." Since then, the Red Cross has provided communications and other humanitarian services to help members of the U.S. military and their families around the world.



Blixt



**Sound the drum
Fun for All Fest
Aug. 27 on SHAPE**



Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski
USAG Benelux Commander

As we approach the end of the summer, and the start of school, I hope that those of you who are new to our communities have had a smooth transition, and that those of you who did not move this summer have enjoyed your leave, and supported those among us

Nowowiejski Notes

who have deployed. This edition of Notes will contain just a few reminders of what a successful summer might look like for you.

First, for those who have joined us. I wrote last time about the need to complete your inprocessing, so that you are safe to operate on the roads, and prepared for the environment of the Benelux. We discussed the opportunity to take either Dutch or French Headstart, and the range of Army Community Service programs. Your tour just won't be as enjoyable if you don't take advantage of the programs designed to acquaint you with our host countries. What I add this edition is a reminder to register your children now for DoDDs schools, because if you wait to register when school starts, your school just may not have enough

teachers to support your children's education. Register early so that our schools can obtain the resources to offer your children the best education possible. Those of you who are capable of working, either as a spouse or perhaps after school, should seriously consider applying for work in our communities. Our commissaries and exchanges depend on a work force that includes family members, and if you wonder sometimes why the service is slow, the shelves are empty, or the food court is not what you would like, then help yourself out and work within the community.

For those of you who are looking forward to those last few days of summer, and vacation or leave opportunity, let's remember that so far, our summer has been generally safe, but we have

narrowly averted some serious accidents. Despite all of the emphasis on safety, this summer we have seen people drink and then get behind the wheel, drink and then try to swim, or stay at the bar too long and get into trouble. Lots of people have been pickpocketed while they were traveling, many have just casually lost their ID card, and there have been more than a few break-ins to houses and cars.

When we remind you about safety, force protection, and physical security, we are not talking about some distant and obscure problem. It is right with us, here, right now, and unless you help us with your best effort, you too can become a victim. Ultimately, this is about you, so I encourage you to finish your summer, and take those last few days of vacation, but do so with prudence and attention to your surroundings.

Let's look forward to the start of school and a safe Labor Day weekend.

CG announces new family support method

Bell Sends Message #30-05

Virtual Family Readiness Groups

7 August 2005

1. To better support our Soldiers and their families, USAREUR will soon begin fielding virtual family readiness groups (vFRGs) in the European theater. When fielding vFRGs, the highest priority will be given to deploying units. Fielding for other units will begin in early fiscal year 2006.

2. A vFRG is more than just a website; it is an innovative system of websites that incorporates all major components of an FRG in a virtual context. This web system—

- Includes real-time communication features and enables units and FRGs to maintain different types of data and reports.

- Allows parent units to meet the needs of geographically dispersed units and families across the Army, including the families of augmentees in CO-NUS.

- Provides a means for families to establish friendships and bonds with other families across the Army.

- May be tailored to meet the needs of the unit and to display policy set by the unit commander.

- Duplicates what routinely occurs when someone goes to a unit orderly room for help, or when a commander brings unit members together for information update briefings or townhall meetings.

- Helps prevent speculation and rumors by providing official unit information to families. The information posted on vFRGs comes directly from the unit, and families can depend on its being timely, accurate, and relevant.

3. The USAREUR G1 is working to obtain the administrative information that units will need to get their portals up and running. Key actions include portal setup as well as a site review and authorization by the unit commander to release a portal for the unit vFRG. In addition, 2-day on-site training sessions will soon be conducted for Army in Europe communities and key unit vFRG personnel (for example, the unit commander or staff representative, FRG leader, family readiness liaison, fam-

ily readiness support assistant, rear detachment commander). When these actions are complete, Soldiers and their families can begin registering to become members of their unit vFRG.

4. More information on vFRGs is available at <http://www.armyfrg.org>. I strongly encourage leaders to take advantage of this web system. During these times of high OPTEMPO, vFRGs will not only enable us to provide better support to families based in Europe, vFRGs will help us support family members all over the world. By providing this increased level of support for our Soldiers and their families,

vFRGs will help us continue to execute with excellence Any Mission, Anywhere.



Gen. B. B. Bell

B. B. BELL
General, US Army
Commanding

Labor Day holiday is a time to make sure there is no loss of life

Bell Sends Message #29-05

Labor Day 2005

5 August 2005

1. Labor Day is observed to honor the accomplishments of American workers whose sacrifices continue to make our Nation great. Labor Day also signifies the traditional end of summer and the coming of a new fiscal year. As FY 05 draws to a close, I ask that we all recommit to taking care of one another and our loved ones in FY 06. Don't walk by.

2. FY 05 will long be remembered as one of the worst years in our Army for Soldier non-combat losses. With just under 2 months left in FY 05, the number of Soldiers killed in on- and

off-duty accidents is almost 50 percent higher than it was at this point in FY 01. It is a real tragedy. Since February 2005, the Army has lost over 120 Soldiers. These losses are personal and the void they leave cannot be filled at the recruiting station. While families are losing fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters, the Army is losing expertise, experience, and camaraderie every time we lose one of our Soldiers.

3. USAREUR has also lost its share of Soldiers to accidents. Each death is its own tragedy; however, we are doing a bit better in taking care of our own than the Army average. As of today, the accidental fatality rate for USAREUR is about 50 percent lower than the Army rate. In addition, we are

closing in on the Secretary of Defense goal of reducing the number of accidental deaths recorded in FY 02 by 50 percent in FY 05. The good news is that Soldiers are alive today as a direct result of your efforts to reduce risks.

4. We are making progress and we have room for thanks. But, more hard work lies ahead if we are going to convince our Soldiers to stop killing themselves. By FY 08 we need to reduce accidental deaths by 75 percent. We absolutely can reach this goal, but it will take directed and focused emphasis on safety. Let's do it! Are you with me?

5. If you are deployed, thank you for your service. If you are here in Europe and not deployed, I hope you

can relax a bit this Labor Day weekend. I ask that you continue to remain vigilant. Your efforts to reduce accidents have met with some success. Let's keep up the effort and continue to dedicate ourselves to taking care of our most valuable weapon system: our Soldiers. By setting the example, doing what is right, establishing and upholding high standards, and not "walking by," we can help ensure *No Loss of Life* this Labor Day holiday weekend and in FY 06.

B. B. BELL
General, US Army
Commanding

All the world's a fast-paced stage

Story and photos by Rick Haverinen

Actor Mickey Rooney made a series of films for MGM in the 1930s and 1940s in which he played the perennial American teenager at that time, Andy Hardy. About midpoint in these popular comedies a



Whitney

"This is very fast," said assistant director Gwen Whitney, "but we're letting the kids learn as much as they can about all of the different aspects of theater."

SHAPE Entertainment Centre ran a theater camp for young people Aug. 8-19. That's only two short weeks to start with printed copies of the Guys and Dolls Jr. script, and end up with a polished production up on the stage.

"The whole point of the camp was to get a group of kids who wanted to spend eight hours a day working on something theatrical," said SHAPE Entertainment Centre director Jacque Kilduff. "So we're focused a little bit on the singing and the dancing but we're also doing some acting, we're painting, getting into the concepts of lighting, and props and costumes, and how all those things fit together."

This is the first year the SHAPE Entertainment Centre's staff has done a theater camp, and 10 kids signed up; nine girls and one boy.

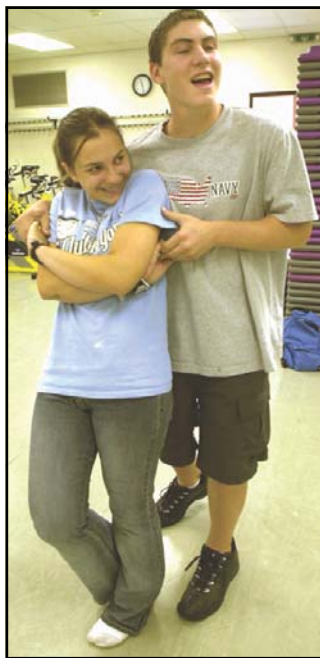
The camp kids have been supported by community volunteers who

are helping with acting extra parts, costumes, scenery, and voice coaching.

"There are multiple choreographers and we did that purposely to expose the kids to different teaching types and different dance styles," Whitney said.

The only male in the theater camp, Joe Houser, 15, plays Sky Masterson.

"I was interested in the camp because it's so much fun and I love to sing and act," Houser said. "That's what I want to do when I get older."



Erika Kieklak and Joe Houser rehearse a song.



Director Jacque Kilduff, third from right, shows the kids how to do a chorus move. Left to right around her are Jasmine Senior, Cassie Howe, Kathleen Hash, Erin Leyba, and Mage Headley.

Houser is matched in the play with Erika Kieklak, 14, who plays Sarah Brown. Kieklak isn't looking at the camp as a career step.

"I'm not really interested in acting when I grow up," Kieklak said, "because I want to be a doctor. This is something fun to do during the summer, and keep me from just sitting at home."

Kilduff said the camp is a great way to learn skills and to build confidence that last for a lifetime.

"It's set up to learn about collaboration and working together as an ensemble and how every single person who's invested in the program has a value and that everybody's ideas are important and that no one person is really the focus," Kilduff said. "It's all about working together to create something out of your own

imagination."

The single performance of Guys and Dolls Jr. is Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m., at SHAPE Entertainment Centre. There is an admission charge. For information call DSN 423-3312.



Because theater is not all glamor, Jasmine Senior works on stagecraft.

KidsDay a (pie) smashing success in Brussels



Camp counselors Kelly Case, Rebecca Feauto, Stephanie Segar and Erin Henderson were caught in the wrong place at the wrong time as pies started to fly.

Story and photos by Dorothy Nevins

The NSA/USAG-Brussels Child and Youth Services celebrated kids in a big way on August 8 with parents, chil-

dren, and Camp Adventure counselors. The afternoon was filled with song, dance, face painting, games, contests and prizes.

This was the first ever cel-

Director, orchestrated the Brussels event and kicked things off with a short background of KidsDay and reading of the pledge. The Camp Adventure counselors took over and got

celebration of National KidsDay in the Brussels area and part of a national effort to establish KidsDay on our nation's calendar. In the U.S. and on many overseas installations, more than 500,000 kids and their families were expected to participate.

National KidsDay is a special day set aside to honor our children, promote mentorship and develop a positive self-image with meaningful, focused and rich activities.

Melanie Resto, CYS Director, orchestrated the Brussels event and kicked things off with a short background of KidsDay and reading of the pledge. The Camp Adventure counselors took over and got

things going with a "blitz", a medley of songs and dances. Activities included face painting, finger painting with chocolate pudding, wheelbarrow races, water balloon toss, watermelon eating contest and pie eating contest.

Although a bit reluctant at first, even the parents got involved in the watermelon and pie eating contests.

The final event, the "pie in the face" contest, was a smashing success! The children had to answer questions about each counselor such as dog's name, name of col-

lege, college major, number of siblings, and favorite food. When they answered correctly, they got to choose the pie and the counselor and then give it to 'em! Give it to 'em they did!



KidsDay also tested a scientific theory that pie can be eaten as well as hurled. Joshua Alvarez, 5, experiments with his dad, Rene.

USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

ACS relocation services assist with PCSs

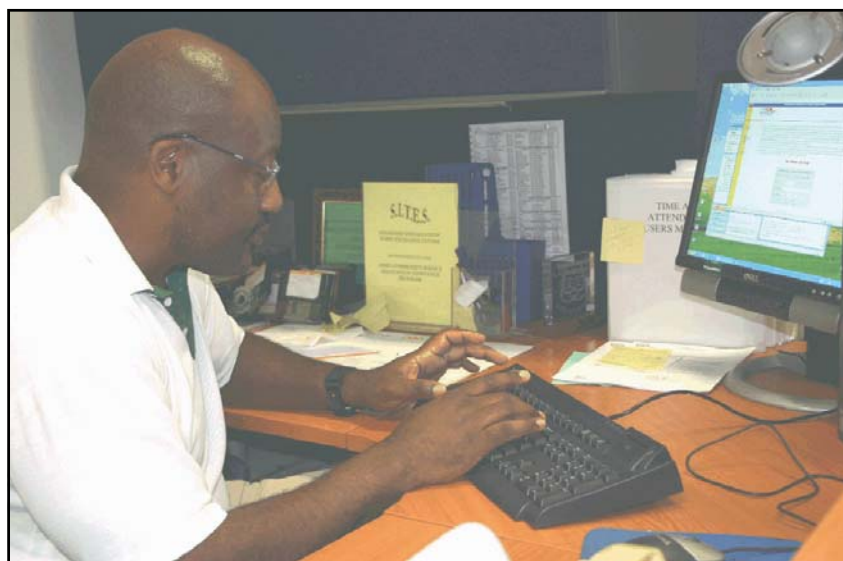


Photo: Sylvia Bowron

Calvin Farlow, ACS relocation services program manager, searches SITES information for a client.

By Sylvia Bowron

Moving to a new duty station can be a stressful time for Soldiers, civilians and their families.

Lending them a helping hand is Calvin Farlow, the relocation system program manager at USAG Schinnen Army Community Services, who provides both incoming and outgoing services.

Normally when a Soldier or civilian has orders to go back to the States from the Netherlands, or anywhere else in Europe, the gaining unit provides a

sponsor to send a welcome packet about the local area where the Soldier is going.

"There are times that it doesn't happen," said Farlow, "so they can come here or call me and I will email or call the person's unit and tell them they have a new arrival requesting a welcome packet. I can also give them SITES information and even print it out for them.

"SITES is a web site for all military members and Department of Defense civilians that provides general relocation guidance," said Farlow. "It has tips

and information on more than 350 military, Coast Guard and Defense Logistics Agency installations that lists almost all the information you could possibly want about a next duty station."

SITES offers users self-guided tools to help them relocate, yet highly recommends contacting the local relocation assistance program for detailed information, personal assistance, assessment of needs, and referrals to local agencies.

"I am here to provide that one-on-one special assistance," said Farlow. "I give outgoing personnel briefings, on request, which involve information such as cultural changes from here to the states."

Farlow said someone going back home after spending three to five years here may find things back home have changed tremendously. Going home to what you remember can present a psychological shock after having become accustomed to this culture. "There can also be financial or even family shock," said Farlow, "and these are the areas we try to focus on when we talk about culture shock."

Farlow also provides services for those who PCS (permanent change of station) to the Netherlands. "Normally, their sponsor has provided them with a welcome packet, with various things in it such as travel, health clinic and school information," said Farlow. "It includes information on Child Development Services, School Age Services,

what medical facilities are available and housing," he added.

Included in the packet is Farlow's business card to enable the new arrival and their family members to contact him.

Farlow also provides newcomers with an orientation briefing on the second and last Friday of the month. "We show them the community area, community organizations like Heerlen and the Heerlen hospital, Vaals and Valkenburg," said Farlow. "Children and family members tend to like Vaals."

During that time they provide information on how to use pay phones, trains and buses as well as answer any questions they may have.

"July to August and January to February are the months with the largest PCS moves," said Farlow, "but summer is typically the busiest time because of school issues for children."

For newly arrived families, Farlow also has a lending closet full of items that can be borrowed while waiting for household goods. Items available are irons, ironing boards, dishes, pots and pans, glasses, toasters, electric can openers, mixers, and child car seats.

Whether you are a new arrival or you are getting ready to PCS to another location, Farlow is here to help and provide additional information and services to make your move less stressful and more enjoyable.

YS Sports teach Tri-border kids basketball finesse

Story and photo by Sylvia Bowron

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Child and Youth Services (CYS), Sports and Fitness held a summer basketball session for 45 youth from the Tri-border area to include kids from Geilenkirchen and Rotterdam June 28 through Aug. 13, at the Schinnen Sports Center.

"We wanted to give the kids something physical to do that would also be fun," said Peter Nunn, CYS assistant youth sports director. Nunn and Hans Luijpen, a fellow youth sports director, fostered the idea. "The kids chose basketball. It's more of an international sport and we have international kids," Nunn added.

They met at the Schinnen Sports Center every Tuesday and Thursday for practice. It was open to children of parents with NATO or U.S. identification cards and was organized to let them have some fun as well as acquire knowledge about the game.

"There are seven teams," said Nunn. "Two boys and one girls team ages 6 to 8, two boys teams ages 9 to 12 and two co-ed teams ages 13 to 16. Each team had six to seven players and practices one hour."

Games were held Saturdays at noon in the Sports and Fitness Center. "On game days," said Nunn, "there was a lot of participation by the parents and the kids had fun, that's what it was for."

"This is great," said Kristy Shaw, whose son Blake Shaw, 9, a member of the white team. "Blake has

played at school before, but lost some of the knowledge. This is a refresher for him," his mother said. "This kind of fills the gap from the end of basketball last year to when it starts again this year. He'll retain some of what he has learned here and won't feel like he's starting over."

Heather Tomaszewski has two children in the summer program, 9-year-old Jamie and her brother Zach, 11. "This is really great for the kids because it keeps them physically active," said Tomaszewski. "Jamie has never played before and has learned a lot. She enjoys athletics and really enjoys playing basketball. Zach has played before but he is learning new skills."

"There is really not much offered to them during the summer in the way of sports," said Tomaszewski. "You know like tennis, soccer or something. This is good for them and keeps them busy and it's something physical."

"The program is great," said Jerry Alumbaugh, whose 7-year-old son Sean is participating in the summer program. "He has never played basketball but has learned a lot and enjoys playing the game. If we're here next year, Sean will be back. We wouldn't have it any other way."

Many of the parents at Saturday's game agreed that their kids would be back if the program is offered next year. Nunn attributes the success of



Aubrey McCauley and Pete Nunn give the red and white team instructions before game time.

the program to his volunteer coaches. "We couldn't have done it without their help. They are really great to give up evening hours during the week and every Saturday for games," said Nunn.

"I want to help kids understand the basics of the game," said Kevin Weaver, volunteer coach. "It also helps them to learn how to play with each other as a team."

"It helps Mary and I spend time not only with our kids, but also with kids whose dad's are working a lot, or are down range," said Aubrey McCauley, volunteer coach and father of four girls. "We love working with kids and we like basketball," he concluded.

Nunn and Luijpen are happy about the success of the program and plan on doing it again next summer.

USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

Summer hires get a glimpse of the 'work force' world

Story and photos by Sylvia Bowron

A barbecue held at the Schinnen Sports Field Aug. 4 marked the end of the Tri-Border Summer Hire Program for 31 teens who participated this year.

Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen, attended the event and thanked the participants for their hard work and support before presenting each one with a certificate of appreciation.

"On behalf of the U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen, I want to thank you for the contribution you made to our community and to the different directorates," Richardson said. "A lot of the people you helped out this summer are here, sitting around you, and are grateful for the hard work and energy you put into your job performance."

Concluding the presentations, Richardson encouraged them to return next summer and to tell their friends about the program.

The six-week program, introduced to the students at a March job fair held at AFNORTH International School, began June 27. Students participating in the program were placed at various activities in the tri-border area including the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) in Rheindalem, U.S. Army Battalion at Joint Forces Command Brunssum, Eysgelshoven and Rotterdam.

"We held a job fair for the Summer Hire Program at school," said Marilyn Carver, local summer hire coordinator and school liaison officer. "We had some supervisors there also and they interviewed the applicants. Wallace Turner, employment readiness manager, Army Community Services, Schinnen, helped students with their resumes which had to be submitted on-line."

"Orientation day they filled out employment paperwork, learned about timesheets, received the basics of the program, and of course, the pay," said Turner. "The students work eight hour days, five days a week for six weeks. The program was funded by Installation Management Agency-Europe (IMA-E) and managed by the Benelux Civilian Personnel



Kiona Holland, a 15-year-old first-time summer hire, provides administrative support for the Value Added Tax office.



Kaeli West, who worked at the fitness center, found out every job has it's dirty work as she sweeps the floors.

Advisory Center."

Carver said most of the students in this area who participate in the program were between the ages of 14-16 because "it is harder for them to find employment with the exception of babysitting and volunteer work." For most, this was their first job.

"Most of the work the students provided ranged from typical office work to more laborious work like cleaning facilities and organizing supply areas," said Carver.

Mara Graves and Kiona Holland are two of the students doing clerical work on Schinnen and this is the first year that either of them have been in the Summer Hire Program.

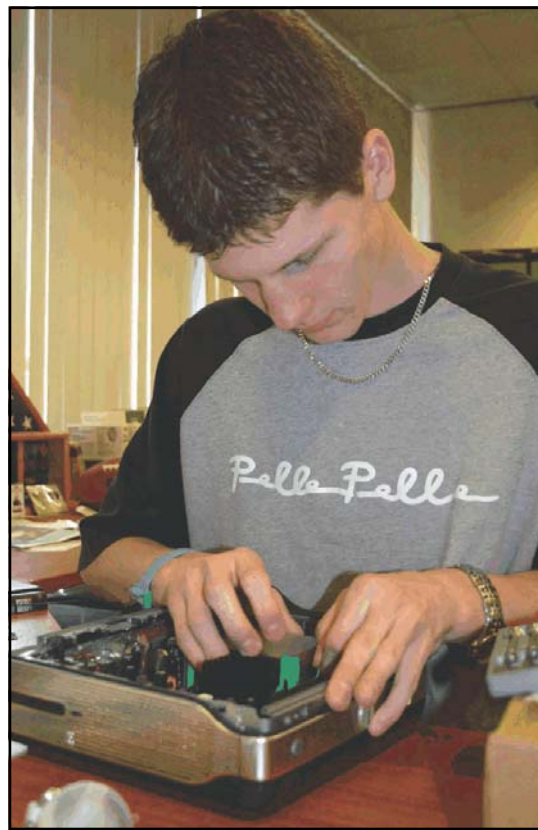
For 15-year-old Graves, her first priority was to make money. "Yes, money was the first reason, but also, I wouldn't be sitting at home just watching TV or doing chores," said Graves. "I really like working here, I answer phones, type documents, shred paper and do other administrative jobs. I have different tasks to do, get experience working in a business environment with other people and dealing with the things or problems that come up throughout the day." Graves works for Ronald Holland, USAG Schinnen retirement services officer.

"I was very happy to have Mara work for me," said Holland. "She is a quick learner with little supervision required. She's met all requirements and suspenses given to her in a timely manner. I would ask for her next year if she works in the program."

Graves said the best part of her job was when she did a newspaper for the local retirees. "It was a lot of fun because I got to put my own self into it," she said. "I saw last year's newsletter and what the summer hire did. I was able to do the newsletter doing my own thing and be creative with it. I was given the information to put in it, organized it, added backgrounds, art and even used my own colors. The best part, aside from money, is the assignments I was given because they require thought, and I can organize and put myself into the project I am assigned."

For 15-year-old Kiona Holland, who also does administrative work for the Angelique Payne-Dassen, Value Added Tax (VAT) Office, the first week seemed slow. "By the third week the time seemed to be going fast, and now it is over," said Holland. She heard about the program through her father, Ron Holland.

"My dad told me it would be good for me because I could learn something from it and now I am glad I came," said Holland. "I did it because it was a good opportunity for me to learn something and I didn't even think about the money. I learned office skills, how to work in an office and communicate with other people." Holland said she didn't miss the six weeks of vacation she spent working and plans on joining the program again next year.



Summerhire Dwain McCall, 15, prepares to remove a computer's mother board.

This is the third year in the Summer Hire Program for 16-year-old Dwain McCall who works for 39th Signal Battalion.

"It's fun working with computers and you learn something new every day here," said McCall. "Computers are a big part of life, so I came here to learn and get ahead while I can. I like what I am doing because it's a learning experience; it feels right and it's fun."

"I have to say Dwain is doing very well," said Harry Reinders, Tier III help desk specialist for the signal battalion. "He is committed to his work and is a good asset to the Network Service Center help desk. He does outstanding work and we can even send him off to a trouble call on his own knowing that in the end, the problem will be solved."

McCall believes the Summer Hire Program is a good place to start, not only for the money, but also to learn about working and to get those all-important recommendations which can help a lot for college. "It is good for work experience in general," said McCall. "It can help you figure out what fields you may want to go into later and is a good preview of what is about to come in your life when you're out of school and working on your own."

Carver said most students in the program earn money for college or pay for clothing, books etc. for the next school year.

"The students who are assigned to Child Youth Services activities are working directly with children and going on trips as part of summer programs," said Carver. "The group of five summer hires at ARRC work very hard as a team to upgrade and organize facilities. They have painted rooms in their family service area and cleared warehouses as part of a whole laundry list of tasks planned for them in the months before the program began."

"But through all their hard work, they have come to know each other better and appreciate the friendships they have developed. In the long run, many of the summer hires are getting a good glimpse at the work requirements of military life from an administrative and management viewpoint," Carver concluded.



USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News

USAG Schinnen Local Calendar

Women's Equality Day luncheon Aug. 26

The Tri-border special emphasis committee hosts a Women's Equality Day luncheon at the International Inn, Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Capt. Christel Helquist, AWACS instructional pilot, NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen.

Tickets cost Euro 10 and can be purchased by members of the Schinnen, Treebeek, AFNORTH and Geilenkirchen communities by calling DSN 360-7494/7534/7445 or 0031 (0)46 443-7494/7534/7445 and CEGI community call DSN363-7186.

"Pvt. Wars" tour stops in Brunssum

MWR Entertainment presents the performance of "Pvt. Wars" Monday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. at the JFC Brunssum Theater and is open to all U.S. and NATO identification cardholders. The performance is free.

The play, by James McLure, is the story of three Soldiers recovering from war injuries at an Army hospital, and combines humor and compassion with uncompromising honesty as it follows the irreverent doings of its characters.

The "Pvt. Wars" cast includes Sgt. Michael Malizia of Bamberg, Germany; Sgt. 1st Class Robert Isom of Fort Jackson, S.C.; and Sgt. Eric Bragg of Fort Detrick, Md.

USDA Reduced/Free School Lunch Program

The United States Department of Agriculture sponsors a program that provides free or reduced lunch tickets to children attending DoDDS schools. The program is based on income and size

of each family.

This year the determining income levels have increased for both free and reduced. Income eligibility guidelines change yearly, so for those families who qualified last year, please remember you must re-qualify each year after July 1.

If you are interested in applying for the program or learning more, please call the school liaison officer in Brunssum at 0031 (0)45 563-6141 or email cys.schinnen@benelux.army.mil or the Geilenkirchen school liaison officer, at 0049 (0)24 5163-2258 or email dennisse.jones@geilenkirchen.af.mil for more information.

Girl Scouts looking for leaders, co-leaders

The Tri-Border Girl Scouts are looking for adults to work as leaders, co-leaders, and school coordinators for the AFNORTH and Geilenkirchen elementary schools for the 2005-06 school year.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please call Master Sgt. Fleming 0049 (0)24516-33504 or e-mail bethann.fleming@geilenkirchen.af.mil. If you want to be involved with Girl Scouts but prefer to work with adults openings are available for secretary, registrar, cookie manager, and special events coordinator.

Survival German language class set

A Survival German Language class is being offered at the Geilenkirchen Family Support Center beginning Sept. 16. The classes will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Fridays for 10 weeks. All classes are based on a minimum class size of 15 students.

The fee is \$44 and includes the textbook. The fee

is non-refundable after the second class meeting. Pre-registration is required. Contact the GK Family Support Center at DSN 458-6015 or Comm. (49)02451-63-3791. Email address: 470ABS.DPF@geilenkirchen.af.mil.

JFC Brunssum Library

The JFC Brunssum library has received a new selection of French books in addition to their wide range of books, magazines, books on tape, CDs and DVDs. They also have easy access to their data base which offer a variety of subjects and studies to interest most everyone.

Library hours are Tuesday - Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Foggy Fields Bazaar

The Annual Foggy Fields Bazaar is in Hangar 4 at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Sept. 30, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Oct. 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Oct. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO identification cardholders and their guests.

Vendor stockers wanted

Vendor stockers are needed for night work stocking shelves for the Schinnen Commissary. Please contact the Grocery Manager at DSN 360-7221 or comm. at 0031 (0)46 443-7221.



Fire Prevention at Home

Unattended cooking

Unattended cooking in housing areas is a major cause of fires that too often becomes uncontrollable and spreads easily.

One of the first things that can contribute to the spread of a cooking fire is the oven hood filter. An oven hood filter that is saturated with grease will easily ignite if exposed to a fire.

It is strongly recommended that you replace or clean your oven hood filter regularly, at least once a year.

People living in government leased quarters can get new oven hood filters through the self-help program.

For more information call DSN 360-7230 or 0031 (0)46 443-7230.



JFC Alliance Theater

Aug. 19, 7:30 p.m. *The Honeymooners*. Starring Cedrick the Entertainer, Mike Epps. Rated PG-13. 90 min. New York City bus driver Ralph and his feisty wife Alice struggle to make ends meet. Despite Ralph's many get-rich-quick schemes they've managed to save some money and along with their best friends they seem to have almost enough money for a down payment on a Brooklyn duplex. However, Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes.

Aug. 20, 4 p.m. *The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl*. Starring Taylor Lautner, Taylor Dooley. Rated PG. 93 min. Ten-year-old Max is an outcast who has become lost in his own fantasy world in an attempt to escape the everyday worries of dealing with parents, school bullies and no-fun summer vacations. But when Max realizes the characters and adventures in his imagination

might be more real than anyone else believes- his whole world changes.

7 p.m. *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*. Starring Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt. Rated PG-13. 120 min. A married couple is getting bored with their quiet domestic life. What they don't know, however, is that they are both assassins, secretly hopping the world and killing for hire. But their separate lives are about to collide when each finds out their next target is their own spouse.

Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. *Land of the Dead*. Starring Simon Baker, Asia Argento. Rated R. 93 min. In a modern-day world where the walking dead roam, the living, try to lead normal lives behind the walls of a fortified city. Outside the city walls, an army of the dead is evolving. Inside, anarchy is on the rise. With the very survival of the city at stake, a group of hardened mercenaries is called into action to protect the living from an army of the dead.

Aug. 27, 4 p.m. *The perfect Man*. Starring Hillary Duff, Heather Locklear. Rated PG. 111 min. Holly conceives the perfect plan for the perfect man - an imaginary secret admirer who will romance her mother and boost her shaky self-esteem. When the virtual relationship takes off, Holly finds herself having to produce the suitor. Holly must resort to increasingly desperate measures to keep the ruse alive and protect her mom's newfound happiness, almost missing the real perfect man when he does come along.

7 p.m. *Batman Begins*. Christian Bale, Katie Holmes. Rated PG-13. 134 min. In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength, intellect and an array of high tech deceptions to fight sinister forces that threaten the city.

Award-winning photographers enhance local image

By John Orme

Two seniors from SHAPE secondary schools have won the National Boys and Girls Clubs of America ImageMakers Photography competition. Members competed in a club-wide contest, which qualified them for advancement to regional and national competitions.

Jenny Troxell, 17, a senior at the SHAPE International High School, won in her age group in the digital photography category for her work "The Rising." Jenny's photo was taken at the Monterey Aquarium, while visiting California for her brother's wedding.

"I try to do justice to my subject with every picture I take," Troxell said. "I try to make it stand out from the ordinary, to show it in a different light. Since I was a child, I have believed that a thousand people can look at the same picture and each see something different — and I've always wanted to take the picture that had that power. It was a great privilege to have the opportunity to showcase some photos of which I was particularly proud."

Natalie Essad, 18, a senior at the SHAPE American High School, won in her age group in the photo essay category for "His Path... Looking Back."

"My photo essay is about a man going through all the phases of life and looking back on what he has achieved," Essad said. "I depicted this by showing a path that starts wider, goes through many obstacles in the road, and gets narrower in the distance. My written essay was inspired because I loved this picture that I had taken in France, and the opportunity to enter it into the B&GCA photography contest



Troxell

gave me the framework to think about what the photo meant to me."

The winners will be flown to Orlando, Fla. where they will receive VIP tours and participate in activities with professional photographers.

In addition to the winning photo, Troxell submitted an entry for the scholarship competition. She had to assemble a group of five photos into a portfolio, and prepare an essay describing how photogra-

phy has influenced her life. Troxell was chosen to receive a \$3,000 scholarship for college or art school.

SHAPE Youth Services can submit members' entries in four age divisions and five categories. Forty national winners will be named and their photography displayed in a traveling exhibition and at BGCA's special events throughout the year.

Boys and Girls Clubs of America (www.bgca.org) is a national network of some 3,700 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving more than four million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances. Known as "The Positive Place for Kids," the Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key

Boys and Girls Club programs emphasize character and leadership development, education and career development, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation.

Orme is chief of SHAPE Child and Youth Services.



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Calendar SHAPE/Chièvres

Prime Time Lounge reopens for breakfast and lunch on Aug. 22.

ACS Cultural Adaptation Trip to Brussels vintage store and brewery is Sept. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sign up at ACS, DSN 423-4332.

USAG BENELUX Newcomers Briefing is Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at Hotel le Maisières ballroom. Free lunch. Open to military and civilians. DSN 423-4332.

Headstart free French language orientation course is Sept. 5-16, 9 a.m.-

noon, at SHAPE Education Center. DSN 423-3466.

Military Idol Contest is Sept. 16, 9 p.m., at Prime Time Lounge. Info and sign up: DSN 361-5506 or 361-5589. Open to active military members only.

USAREUR Automation Training Program has a course to better understand SharePoint. Offered in Chièvres starting Aug. 29, Sept. 7, and Sept. 21. Go online at <https://www.uatp.hqusaer.army.mil>. Info: Steve Dalby, DSN 361-5346.

Calendar NSA/Brussels

CYS Torch Club meeting is Sept. 2, 5 p.m., at the Child and Youth Center. Open to all middle school members. Info: DSN 368-9651.

Three Star Lounge - Right Arm Night, Sept. 2, 5-7 p.m.; Football night every Sunday, 7 p.m.; Movie night every Thursday, 7 p.m.; Lounge closed Sept. 9 for the CYS middle school dance with music and pool, 8 p.m.; Oldies Night with DJ Brooksie and Lady D, Sept. 10, 9 p.m.; Family Night

Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m.; Family Hispanic Night, share a dish and heritage, Sept. 17, 7-9 p.m.

NSA Education Center - Headstart free French language course is Sept. 12-23, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Headstart free Dutch language course is Sept. 19-30, 9 a.m.-noon; Advanced Skills Education Program course (ASEP): MTHR 1174 Time Management, Sept. 26-30, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Info: DSN 368-9704.



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